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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT OF CATCH AND
EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS IN NORTHWEST
ATLANTIC FISHERIES

BEGIN SUMMARY: U.S. FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS REQUIRE
THAT FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS WITH VESSELS OPERATING IN NORTH-
WEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES SUBJECT TO U.S. MANAGEMENT
JURISDICTION REPORT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR
BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR 30 MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BY VESSEL
WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. TO DATE,
QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977
HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOB BY NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES
SERVICE (NMFS). EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPRO-
PRIATE GOB OFFICIAL TO EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF THIS REPORT.
END SUMMARY.

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1. UNDER THE FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS ISSUED BY THE
SECRETARY OF COMMERCE ON FEBRUARY 11, 1977, FOREIGN GOVERN-
MENTS WITH VESSELS OPERATING IN WATERS SUBJECT TO U.S.
FISHERY MANAGEMENT JURISDICTION ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR
CERTAIN FISHING DATA COLLECTION AND STATISTICAL REPORTING
REQUIREMENTS. IN SUBPART C (ATLANTIC OCEAN) OF THESE

REGULATIONS IT IS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) (3) OF SECTIONS 611.50 (HAKES), 611.51 (SQUIDS), 611.52 (ATLANTIC MACKEREL), 611.53 (ATLANTIC HERRING), AND 611.54 (OTHER FINFISH), THAT CATCH AND EFFORT STATISTICS FOR BIWEEKLY TIME PERIODS FOR 30 MINUTE SQUARE AREAS BE REPORTED BY VESSEL WITHIN THREE MONTHS AFTER CLOSE OF EACH QUARTER. IT IS FURTHER REQUIRED THAT THESE STATISTICS BE REPORTED USING 30 MINUTE SQUARE STATLAND 21B FORMS OR MAGNETIC TAPE, COMPUTER CARDS, OR PRINTOUTS FOR ALL SPECIES AND GEAR TYPES.

2. TO DATE THIS QUARTERLY REPORT FOR PERIOD JANUARY THROUGH MARCH 1977 HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM GOB BY DIRECTOR, NORTHEAST REGION, NMFS, 14 ELM STREET, GLOUCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS 01930, AS REQUIRED BY ABOVE REGULATIONS.

3. GOS EMBASSY WAS CONTACTED BY LETTER FROM NMFS ON JULY 19, 1977, CONCERNING REQUEST FOR QUARTERLY REPORT. SUBSEQUENTLY, AGENT FOR BULGARIAN FISHING FLEET IN NEW YORK, MR. JOHN LOPEZ, CONTACTED U.S. SCIENTISTS AT WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS. IN RESPONSE TO AGENT'S REQUEST, DETAILED INFORMATION CONCERNING SPECIFICS OF DATA SOUGHT WAS MAILED TO AGENT ON AUGUST 9, 1977. TO DATE, HOWEVER, NO REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED. EMBASSY IS UNCLASSIFIED

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REQUESTED TO CONTACT APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIAL TO REQUEST HIS ASSISTANCE IN SUBMITTING THIS REPORT.

4. SINCE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUBMISSION OF SIMILAR INFORMATION TO INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF), NMFS BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL TO SUGGEST TO APPROPRIATE GOB OFFICIAL THAT SUBMISSION OF REPORT MIGHT BE EXPEDITED BY CONTACTING THIS OFFICIAL DIRECTLY:

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(FYI) ALTHOUGH DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS UNDER FOREIGN FISHING REGULATIONS DID NOT BECOME EFFECTIVE UNTIL MARCH 1, 1977, INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN SUBSECTION (F) (3) OF SECTIONS MENTIONED FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977 IS DESIRED BY NMFS FOR CURRENT MANAGEMENT PURPOSES. ACCORDINGLY, ASSISTANCE OF GOB IN PROVIDING THIS

INFORMATION FOR MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 1977,
TOGETHER WITH INFORMATION REQUIRED BY REGULATIONS FOR
MARCH 1977, WILL BE APPRECIATED. COOPERATION WITH
UNITED STATES IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF FISHERY
RESOURCES IS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING FOREIGN
ALLOCATIONS. NEXT QUARTERLY REPORT REQUIRED BY
REGULATIONS WILL BE DUE NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 1977.
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